

GERMAN GAINS  
PARTLY LOST  
DURING NIGHT

French Counter-Attacks Are Declared by Paris to Have Driven Germans Out of Certain Trenches Between Bethincourt and Cumieres Which They Captured Yesterday

FRENCH STILL HOLD  
LE MORT HOMME

Artillery Exchanges Were Active Between Bethincourt and Cumieres, but Elsewhere the Night Was Passed with Comparative Quiet, Reports Paris

Paris, March 15.—The Germans last night made no further aggressive movement to the west of the river Meuse, according to the announcement of the war office this afternoon. French counter-attacks between Bethincourt and Cumieres resulted in the recapture of certain trenches captured by the Germans yesterday, and French troops are still holding the height of Le Mort Homme. Artillery exchanges have been active between Bethincourt and Cumieres but elsewhere the night passed with relative quiet.

The French official statement last night admitted that Germans captured trenches at two points between Bethincourt and Le Mort Homme, saying:

"West of the Meuse the bombardment with shells of heavy calibre against our positions between Bethincourt and Cumieres redoubled in violence. In the afternoon the Germans launched a very powerful attack against this sector, but were repulsed along the whole of the front with serious losses. They took in only two points of our trenches—between Bethincourt and Le Mort Homme."

The French report last night also said: "North of the Aisne the Germans thrice essayed to penetrate our trenches on the northwest outskirts of the Bois Des Buttes. None of these attempts was successful."

"In the Argonne our artillery directed effective fires against the sector of Pour De Paris, where a munitions depot was exploded as well as on the railroads, the highways and enemy organizations in the region of Montfaucon and Avocourt."

"North of St. Mihiel our batteries bombarded important enemy camps in the Heudicourt wood and caused a great fire in the station and storehouses at LaMarchee-Weovre."

"In Lorraine we shelled an enemy column northeast of Delme."

"In the Vosges there was great activity of the two artilleries in the sector of Chapelotte and the valley of the Thur. Surprise attacks on the enemy trenches at Stossweier and Carspach enabled us to take about 60 prisoners and quite complete material without any loss."

Berlin, via London, March 15.—Important gains for the Germans in the Verdun fighting west of the Meuse were announced at the war office to-day. It is said that the Germans pushed forward their lines west of Corbeaux wood and on the height of Le Mort Homme, capturing more than 1,000 prisoners.

GREAT BRITAIN MAY  
CHANGE ENLISTMENT

Grave Dissatisfaction Through the Country Has Caused Serious Attention to Be Directed to Certain Proposals.

London, March 15.—The unexpectedly early calls on married men to join the army have created such grave dissatisfaction through the country that the government is considering a change of policy. Earl Kitchener and Earl Derby are to speak to-day in the House of Lords regarding the matter.

It appears quite certain that the strong feeling of the country as to the unfairness of the existing system of recruiting has compelled the government to reconsider its position but whether the revised policy looks in the direction of the application of compulsion to married and single men alike still is uncertain.

## PIVOT POINT CAPTURED.

Italians are Reported to Have Made Important Gain.

London, March 15.—The Italians are keeping up their strong infantry offensive, begun several days ago, on the Isonzo front. Especially fierce have been the attacks around San Martino. Here, Rome says, the Italians captured Dante del

Croviglio, the pivot in the Austrian defenses, and in the same region stormed two other places and seized Austrian trenches.

The communication issued by the Italian war office yesterday says: "In the Lagarina valley enemy artillery showed activity in the Rovereto zone, doing some damage to inhabited places. Our artillery dispersed enemy working parties between Selva and Levico, in the Sugana valley, destroyed enemy defense works on the Cordevole height and in the Cortina valley shelled transport columns in the vicinity of Ladorenz and bombarded the Toblach station."

"Along the Isonzo front torrential rains and fog have again impeded our artillery and increased the impracticability of the ground. However, our infantry resumed their attacks with success against enemy position, notably on the Sabotino slope between San Michele and San Martino del Carso and eastward of Monfalcone."

"The best results were obtained in the San Martino zone, where, after severe artillery preparation, a Queen's infantry brigade stormed with the bayonet and captured a strong redoubt, making the occupants prisoners. On their left other detachments entered and destroyed enemy lines in the neighborhood of the San Martino church."

"Southeast of San Martino, we took Dante del Croviglio, which is the pivot of the enemy's defense."

"Altogether we made 54 prisoners, including five officers, and also captured two machine guns."

AUSTRIA RECALLS  
PORTUGAL MINISTER

And Has Handed Passports to Portuguese Minister at Vienna, Thus Portending a Break in Their Relations.

London, March 15.—A Reuter dispatch from Geneva says that Austria has recalled her minister at Lisbon and has handed passports to the Portuguese minister at Vienna.

War Is Declared.

London, March 15.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Rome says that Austria has declared war on Portugal.

## GERMANS LOSE GENERALS.

Three of Them on the French War Front Gone.

Berlin, via London, March 15.—The deaths of three prominent German generals have just been reported here. The Bavarian army has lost Lieutenant-General Eduard von Graf, who retired in 1909, but returned to duty at the outbreak of the war. Wurttemberg has lost Major-General Wilhelm von Lotterer and Lieutenant-General von Menges, commanding an infantry division. The latter died of heart disease in the trenches.

## SHRAPNEL IN OATS

Constitutes Serious Menace to British Horse Supply.

London, March 15.—The war office has issued an order directing cavalry officers to have examined carefully every bushel of oats used for the feeding of their horses.

This order is explained by the morning newspapers as being due to the discovery that several consignments of oats from the United States contained little pieces of steel shaped and colored like oats and which if a horse swallowed them would be almost certain to kill the animal.

SHIP COMPARTMENTS  
HAD TO BE FLOODED

In Order to Extinguish Fire in Afterhold of the Herman Winter in Portland Harbor—The Loss

Last Night Was \$10,000.

Portland, Me., March 15.—In order to extinguish a fire which broke out last night in the afterhold, the steamer Herman Winter was towed to the south side channel early to-day and the stern compartments were flooded. The damage to the steamer and cargo is estimated at \$100,000. The fire is believed to have been due to spontaneous combustion. The vessel arrived from New York on Sunday but had been unable to discharge her cargo because of a strike among freight handlers.

Will Build Railroad.

E. C. Smith Makes Affidavit of His Intention.

Providence, R. I., March 15.—"There is no idea or intention, and never has been, of abandoning the construction of the Southern New England railway to this city, and this project will be completed just as soon as possible."

This sworn statement was made by E. C. Smith, president of the Central Vermont railway and the Southern New England railway, on the witness stand yesterday before Examiner John H. Howell, at the interstate commerce commission hearing in connection with the application of the Central Vermont road for permission to continue the operation of its sound line from New London, and for permission to operate the steamers Narragansett and Manhattan as a connecting sound line from the Providence terminal of the Southern New England railway to New York.

## \$80,000,000 OVER-CHARGE.

Claimed by Canadian in Parliament Session at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Ont., March 15.—A charge that at least \$80,000,000 will be taken improperly from the people of the United Kingdom and Canada through orders for shells and fuses at excessive prices in the United States and Canada by the Canadian shell commission, was made in the Canadian Parliament yesterday by William Pugsley, one of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's parliamentary lieutenants. The speech was made in the course of a speech supporting a resolution offered by Sir Wilfrid calling for an inquiry by a committee of Parliament into the transaction of the shell commission.

TROOPS HALT  
AT BORDER  
OF MEXICO

In Marching Equipment, the United States Punitive Expedition Is Held Up, the Reported Reason Being Desire of Government to Hear from Carranza

LATTER'S COMMANDER  
ROJAH ASSASSINATED

He Is Said to Have Been Shot While Trying to Control His Soldiers, Who Were Threatening an Invasion of United States—U. S. Consul at Torreon Flees

El Paso, Tex., March 15.—United States troops, with camp broken, were under marching equipment along the Mexican border west of here at daylight to-day in at least two positions. Although the censors prohibited transmission of information of the actual movement of troops it was known that those in readiness were at Columbus and Hachita, N. M.

General Gavira, in command at Juarez, said he had received information that American troops had not yet crossed the border and that they were awaiting permission from Carranza before doing so. General Gavira said he believed that Carranza's reply would be favorable.

Marfa, Tex., March 15.—The reported death of Colonel Rojahn, the Carranza commander at Ojinaga, at the hands of his own men, who attempted a mutiny last night, was confirmed by telephone advice to-day. Colonel Rojahn was trying to control his men who were drinking and threatening to invade the United States when he was shot from a crowd, according to the report.

Hachita, N. M., March 15.—The second cavalry brigade under command of Colonel George A. Dodd completed to-day the preparations to move forward from Culberson's ranch on the border south of here into Mexico. A quick movement is expected. During the past few days supply trains have been forwarded to the camp with large supplies.

Torreon, Mexico, March 15.—Consul A. L. Williams has turned the American consulate here over to the British vice-consul. More than 40 Americans are waiting here to leave by a train which has been held up for a day by a wreck on the Monterey road.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—State department officials are puzzled by the departure of Consul Williams from Torreon. They have given no instructions to leave and have no report of disorder in that region. Still they realize that Consul Williams must have had some good reason for leaving. They are reluctant to believe that the consulate was in danger.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Secretary Baker, when asked to-day if a request had been received from Carranza military officials for a delay of the American expedition, so that the Carranza forces might carry out their own plans for the capture of Villa, said: "I have nothing to say on the subject."

Washington, D. C., March 15.—The Senate to-day approved unanimously the joint resolution adopted by the House yesterday to bring the mobile army up to its full strength, which would add about 20,000 men to the present establishment.

## BIG CARTRIDGE SEIZURE.

United States Troops Halted—Consignment Bound for Sonora.

Douglas, Ariz., March 15.—Half a million cartridges consigned to General P. Elias Calles, military governor of Sonora, were seized here last night by United States soldiers. Two hundred thousand arrived in freight and three hundred thousand by express. A heavy guard has been placed over them and the American authorities are trying to trace their sources.

## TO RECRUIT U. S. ARMY.

It Will Be Brought Up to Full Strength At Once.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Congress took active notice of the border situation yesterday for the first time. The House passed a point resolution late in the day authorizing the recruiting of the mobile regular army to full strength. This means the addition of approximately twenty thousand fighting men to the infantry, cavalry and field artillery. The Senate is expected to concur to-day and the necessary orders will be issued immediately to fill up regiments on border duty.

The step was suggested by the army general staff. It is urgently desired now because of the weakening of the border force by the expedition after Villa, but ever since the patrol of the border began the army has been greatly handicapped by the skeleton organization of regiments, companies, troops and batteries.

The force that occupied Vera Cruz had similar difficulties, some of the companies there being less than forty men strong. Secretary Baker conferred yesterday with Senator Chamberlain and Representative Hay, chairman of the congressional military committee and later Representative Kahn, ranking Republican member of the House committee. The resolution was introduced by Representative Hay immediately upon his return to the capitol. Its consideration was expedited by unanimous consent and its passage followed, with only Representative London, Socialist, voting against it.

## CHOKING OFF PUBLICITY.

Funston Says It Is Hurting United States' Chances in Mexico.

San Antonio, Texas, March 15.—Major General Frederick Funston yesterday, after declaring that news dispatches were making public all the essential facts in the United States' military operations in Mexico, ordered a strict embargo placed on news out of Columbus, N. M., where the main body of Brigadier-General John J. Pershing's expeditionary forces awaits word to cross into Mexico in search of the bandit leader.

General Funston sent orders to General Pershing to seize the telephone office at Columbus, guard the telephone wires leading out of the town and closely watch all automobiles and other routes to telephone stations in nearby towns.

## EXPECT A FREE BRIDGE

Between Woodville and Wells River as Result of Meetings.

Woodville, N. H., March 15.—Woodville is to have a new free bridge across the Connecticut river, connecting it with the village of Wells River, Vt., to take the place of the present toll bridge now used by the Boston & Maine railroad and for general traffic by the public. Such was practically the unanimous decision of the voters of the town of Haverhill in town meeting yesterday at North Haverhill.

No article in the warrant for the town meeting has been so widely discussed and the outcome so anxiously awaited as the one reading as follows: "To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to contract with the selectmen of the town of Newbury, in the state of Vermont, to build a free bridge across the Connecticut river between the villages of Wells River in said Newbury and Woodville in Haverhill on an expense in proportion to the valuation of the respective towns, and to make all necessary agreements relating thereto."

Newbury, Vt., had a similar article in its warrant and at its town meeting last Tuesday voted unanimously to authorize its selectmen to join with Haverhill and build the bridge. Ryegate, Vt., at its town meeting voted to give \$500 toward building the bridge. The Woodville Board of Trade has been very active in its support of the project and in co-operation with the Wells River Board of Trade have been instrumental in bringing the matter to a focus at this time. The attendance at town meeting yesterday was especially large, the voters of Woodville being carried to North Haverhill and return by special train provided by the Board of Trade.

OSBORNE CASE  
IS DISMISSED

Judge Ordered Jury to Bring Verdict Freeing Sing Sing Man of Perjury.

White Plains, N. Y., March 15.—Supreme Court Justice Tompkins to-day dismissed the indictment charging perjury, on which Thomas Mott Osborne, the former warden of Sing Sing prison, was being tried. Justice Tompkins ordered the jury to acquit the defendant and then discharged the jury.

The indictment was dismissed on motion of Osborne's attorney, who contended that Dr. Rudolph Dieding, the state prison commissioner, was not authorized to conduct the Sing Sing investigation, at which Osborne was alleged to have testified untruthfully regarding immoral cases.

## DEATH OF GENERAL SHIVELY.

Indiana Man Had Been Ill in Washington Many Months.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Senator Benjamin F. Shively of Indiana died at a hospital here late yesterday after an illness of many months.

Senator Shively, who had been in the Senate since 1909, was ranking majority member of the foreign affairs committee and until stricken by illness had taken a prominent part in upholding the hand of the administration in Congress. He suffered from a complication of diseases. During his early life Mr. Shively had seriously considered becoming a carpenter, but when he learned that some of his chums were making \$40 a month as teachers, he decided to be an educator, and entered the Northern Indiana Normal school.

After he became a member of Congress he took up the study of law, and received his degree in that profession at the University of Michigan in 1886.

The newspaper profession at one time also won the senator. After teaching school for five years, during which time he saved some money, Mr. Shively invested his earnings in the Era, a country journal. For three years he struggled along, setting type, writing editorials, as well as news, and hustling for advertising. He gave up the profession of journalism in 1883 and devoted his time largely to politics. He was regarded as a strong and fighting leader and it was said of him that he never conducted a defensive campaign but was always aggressive.

Senator Shively, ever since he turned his back on the carpenter's trade to become a school teacher, had taken a deep interest in education and for many years was a member of the board of trustees of Indiana university. He was president of the board for several years.

COTTAGES ARE  
WHOLLY BURIED

The Drifts Near Broadalbin, N. Y., Are Reported 40 Feet Deep

DRIVING BLIZZARD  
ADDING TO BLANKET

The Adirondacks Are in the Grip of a Great Storm

Gloversville, N. Y., March 15.—The Adirondacks were to-day in the grip of a driving blizzard. Eight inches of snow fell during the night, making the winter's total 10 feet and nine inches. The roads in the country districts are impassable, and traffic in this city is nearly at a standstill. Drifts in the vicinity of Broadalbin are 40 feet deep and cottages at Canada lake are not in sight.

## DELEGATES UNPLEDGED

And Roosevelt Boomer Was Defeated, Two to One, in New Hampshire.

Manchester, N. H., March 15.—An unpledged delegation to the Republican national convention at Chicago was chosen yesterday at the first presidential primaries ever held in this state. In the only contest of the Republican side, Frank H. Chellis of this city, who announced his preference for Theodore Roosevelt, was defeated by George H. Moses of Concord, who was unpledged, by a vote of approximately two to one. There were no contests in either the Democratic or Progressive parties, where the vote was decidedly scant. Three of the Democratic delegates-at-large are pledged to President Wilson, while the fourth is unpledged. The four Progressive delegates-at-large are unpledged.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. PATTERSON

Was Held This Afternoon, Rev. J. B. Reardon Officiating.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Laura Crafts Patterson, whose death occurred at the home of her grandson, E. R. Guyer of Eastern avenue, Monday morning, were held at the house this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Reardon, pastor of the Barre Universalist church, was the officiating clergyman. Many old-time friends of the deceased gathered at the services, and there were a number of fine floral tributes. Tomorrow the body will be taken to Craftsbury, where interment is to be made beside the remains of the deceased's husband, John Patterson, who passed away three years ago.

## AFRAID OF HIS WIFE.

Says She Throws Knives at Him and Sleeps with Axe Under Pillow.

Rutland, March 15.—Theodore Beaudry of this city has brought a divorce suit in Rutland county court against Nellie Beaudry for intolerable severity. He claims that he is afraid to live with her because she has thrown knives at him and has slept with an axe under her pillow, causing him to lose his sleep, night after night. The woman had Beaudry arrested yesterday for non-support and he is now in jail. Judge F. G. Swinerton is to pay her \$2 weekly pending hearing of the divorce case.

## ACCUSED OF FORGERY.

Merton Shute Arrested at St. Johnsbury On Several Complaints.

St. Johnsbury, March 15.—Merton Shute, alias Merton Watson, of Albany, 20-years old, was bound over to county court yesterday in bail of \$300, charged with forgery. He was arrested near Pike, N. H., by Sheriff W. H. Worthen. It is claimed that the boy forged the names of various residents of Hardwick, Craftsbury and Irasburg, obtaining in all \$117. He has a mother living in Plainfield. His father is dead.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Charles A. Caron of the City bakery has returned to the city after passing a few days in Burlington on business. Jediah Sharkey, who has been spending several days with his daughter, Mrs. A. Blair, has returned to his home in northern New York.

Miss Helen Gordon of Orange street is passing several days with her sister, Miss Mary Gordon, in Danville, where she is a teacher in the graded schools.

Mrs. Margaret Cayne, a former resident of Barre, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Ellen Frenier of Washington street, and with other relatives in Barre, returned to her home in Holyoke, Mass., last night.

Sec. Fred W. Sutor of the quarry-workers' international union returned to the city this morning from a business trip to Milford, N. H., and Quincy, Mass., where two of the association branches are located. Affairs at Milford are quiet, it is reported, while the cessation of operations in the Quincy manufacturing district has had its effect on the quarrying industry in Massachusetts.

In commenting on the introduction of military training at Goddard seminary, the Springfield Reporter reviews the circumstances under which the military instruction was started and adds: "The government will provide uniforms and arms, and the company, which is expected soon to reach 50, will be registered as a part of the organized battalion at Norwich, where every man is enlisted as a reserve in the First Vermont regiment. Goddard was always a fighting school along the line of athletics, and has conquered more enemies of its class than any other school in the state. This has bred the militant spirit, which will make the seminary a good recruiting ground for a military company."

## MONTPELIER URGED ONWARD

By Speakers at Board of Trade Banquet Last Evening.

Business and professional men of Montpelier, to the number of nearly 200, together with a score or more of prominent Vermonters residing outside the city as guests, including Gov. C. W. Gates, Lieut. Gov. Hale K. Darling, J. P. Taylor of Burlington, Highway Commissioner Stoddard Bates of Derby and others gathered at the Pavilion hotel last evening for the annual banquet of the Montpelier Board of Trade.

After-dinner exercises commenced at about 10 o'clock following the serving of an excellent dinner by Landlord T. J. Heaphy, with President James N. Estee of the Board of Trade acting as chairman.

Lucius E. Wilson, formerly a westerner, and a resident of East Dorset for the past 20 months, and fast becoming, according to his admission, a Vermonter and a farmer, shared the speaking honors of the evening with President Guy Potter Benton of the University of Vermont, H. J. M. Jones and Rev. Stanley F. Blomfield were the local speakers and H. D. Hopkins entertained with several recitations given in his inimitable manner.

Mr. Wilson had as his subject, the "Ideals of the Modern Board of Trade," and proved to be a most interesting talker on a subject which he evidently holds near to his heart. In his introductory remarks he paid Governor Gates, who sat beside him, a pretty compliment when he said that in some instances officers honor the man and in others the man honors the office and he emphatically placed Vermont's chief executive in the latter class.

Mr. Wilson spoke of the purpose of a board of trade a decade ago, to grab factories for their particular town or city and to fight the railroads. Similar organizations in existence at the present time are paying little attention to those matters.

The speaker named the three functions for which a board of trade now exists as follows: To create an atmosphere of enterprise, to teach the habit of giving, to establish the custom of appreciation for patriotism and public service. Those three ideals, said Mr. Wilson, are the basis of all values to a community.

Mr. Wilson is a staunch believer in a town being able to "do things" without the aid of natural resources and he even went so far last evening as to assert that natural resources are not necessary to any town. If the atmosphere of enterprise is created the town will grow despite its handicaps.

To bear out his contention he cited many of the larger cities of the country, such as Chicago, Oklahoma City and Kansas City and Cleveland, where in every instance an adjoining city had the natural advantages but failed to profit therefrom. A live town, said the speaker, is where the citizens are looking forward with anticipation and the dead town has within its confines persons who are forever looking regretfully backward.

He urged communities to keep the young at home, fill them with ambition and they will build for the future. Taking up his second important function, the habit of giving, he pointed out that prosperity reigns where money has been given freely for public purposes and improvements. The tightwad, he said, regretted giving away five dollars as much as later he would regret parting with a thousand. He averred that a city, which does not appreciate, stifles patriotism and never advances and he cautioned his listeners that the board of trade is to serve the town and not the individual, who owes the town as well.

Dr. Benton spoke of the "New Loyalty" and taking Montpelier as an example said that it should recognize its neighborly obligations to Barre; one community should do its part toward aiding a neighbor. Every man must be loyal to his community and to his state and country and have an unshakable faith in his city, etc. The faith of personal sacrifice must be instilled and it rests largely in men, if they have the faith, visions and dreams will be realized.

He predicted the day of municipal ownerships and he said he had visions of the possibility of service of the University of Vermont in co-operation with boards of trade to hold young men in the state. The speaker said that if we can impress young men of the service they can do and the success they can make in the state there will be no difficulty in holding them inside the borders.

H. J. M. Jones spoke on "Montpelier's Duty to Her New Citizens and Industries" and incidentally in his brief remarks touched upon the fact that cheap power is an essential need in developing new industries.

Rev. Stanley F. Blomfield spoke of "Montpelier's Opportunities," outlining the work which may be done this year by the organization.

The following is the list of guests: Gov. C. W. Gates, Lieut. Gov. H. K. Darling, H. E. Shaw, F. G. Howland, Jason Bailey, W. H. Vaughn, A. C. Mason, J. P. Taylor, M. J. Corliss, George H. Ramsey, J. A. Stacey, R. S. Currier, J. P. Haldison, S. B. Bates, Edward Hanbridge and S. L. Platts.

## MEMORIAL PAPER READ

On Late John H. Senter by George Wing Before Bar Association.

When Washington county court took a recess yesterday afternoon, after the jurors had been called and received instructions from Judge Butler, until 9 o'clock this morning, it was in respect to T. J. Deavitt, for 50 years a member of the bar, whose death occurred yesterday forenoon.

A meeting of the Washington County Bar association was held immediately after the adjournment of court, Judge Butler and Assistant Judges Dale and Dana attending the meeting, which was held as a memorial for the late John H. Senter. According to resolutions drawn up several weeks ago, State Librarian George Wing read a paper on the life of Mr. Senter, and other appropriate exercises were carried out. There was a large representation of Washington county lawyers present.

Sec. Harold Hinman of the Granite Manufacturers' association and Alexander Duncan, president of the association, are passing a few days in Middlebury on business. Before returning to Barre at the end of the week they will make a brief visit in Boston.

OLD OFFICERS  
GET PLACES

After Two Appointments by Mayor Had Been Rejected

WILSON FOR STREETS,  
CLAPP FOR POOR

Aldermen Vote to Buy Jeffery Truck for Street Department

A \$3,100 automobile transaction and the confirmation of two major appointments by the mayor were among the larger items of business occupying the attention of the board of aldermen and city council in regular and special sessions at city hall last evening. Adjournment found the evening far spent but the protracted session, nevertheless, had its compensations in more ways than one. The question of purchasing an auto truck for the street department, which has been hanging fire these several weeks, was settled when a motion to buy a Jeffery army model car was adopted unanimously. Again, the uncertainty surrounding the possible displacement of the present street superintendent and the overseer of the poor department was dissipated when the mayor's appointment of J. S. Wilson to head the street department for another year and his nomination of W. J. Clapp as overseer of the poor were rejected by a vote of 5 to 1 in each instance.

Following the aldermanic session the council convened and went immediately into executive session, there to give hearing to such remarks as Mr. Pirie of the Vermont Trucking & Sales company chose to make regarding the Jeffery car. Afterward, the council emerged from closed session and voted to purchase the Jeffery, the motion instructing the mayor and Chairman Glysson of the street department to sign a contract being made by Alderman Healy and seconded by Alderman Rossi. The contract will be submitted to the council for ratification at a special meeting Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Partial motorization of the street department is to be achieved through the introduction of a Jeffery army model truck, equipped with a hand-dump body. It is a two-ton truck which the city is purchasing, with a 4½x5½ four-cylinder motor. The price is \$3,100, f. o. b. Barre, the chassis price being \$2,750, with \$350 additional for body and wheels. A very exhaustive scrutiny of the truck question was given by the retiring council, the investigation including an attempt to gain first-hand knowledge of trucks in general by a trip to New York in which the former mayor and members of the street department participated. The G. M. C., Kelly and Packard trucks were among the others considered. The Jeffery is to be shipped from Kenosha, Wis., April 15 with a guaranteed delivery 10 days afterward. (City of Barre Street Department—X) It is to adorn the woodwork of the machine.

## Nominations Before Aldermen.

At the aldermanic session the mayor's first nomination, that of George M. Rand as building inspector to succeed himself, was ratified without a dissenting vote. Mayor Gordon then nominated H. B. Partridge to sign a contract being made by Alderman Healy and seconded by Alderman Rossi. The contract will be submitted to the council for ratification at a special meeting Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

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State Aid in Permanent Highway Work. Barre is not going to let the opportunity to secure state aid for permanent highways slip by this year, as was evidenced by the adoption of a resolution appropriating \$2,300 for permanent road work. A resolution referring to the appropriation of various sums of money for the maintenance of city departments was passed to a second reading without dissent.

City Attorney Wishart Reported. The final move in a continuance of the city's agreement with Attorney William Wishart, whereby he is to combine the offices of grand juror and city attorney at a price within reason was made when a resolution designating Mr. Wishart as the state-paid grand juror was adopted unanimously. During the evening Attorney Wishart gave the aldermen a resume of the case of B. W. Hooker & Co. vs. City of Barre, in which the plaintiff

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